

REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-12 prior to entering this amendment. The Examiner rejected claims 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Takahashi (U.S. Patent 6,323,963). Applicants amend claims 1-12, and add claims 13-20. Claims 1-20 remain after entering this amendment. Applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-7. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Takahashi. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection.

Claim 8 recites *driving a scanning module along a first portion of a path to scan a front side of a document on a scanning platform, and driving the scanning module along a second portion of the path to scan a reverse side of the document on the scanning platform, where the first portion of the path and the second portion of the path are configured to oppositely face the scanning platform.*

Applicants and the Examiner appear to be in substantial agreement that Takahashi does not teach the features in amended claim 8. See, Office Action, 10/29/2007, pages 4 and 5. The Examiner alleges Takahashi's document base 1 discloses the recited scanning platform, and Takahashi's scan unit 200 discloses the recited scanning module. The Examiner alleges Takahashi's document press sheet 282a discloses the recited path, particularly, that the part of the document press sheet 282a over the left side of a book BO discloses the recited first portion of the path and the part of the document press sheet 282a over the right side of a book BO discloses the recited second portion of the path.

There is no disclosure in Takahashi, however, where *the first portion of the path and the second portion of the path are configured to oppositely face the scanning platform* as the claim

recites. See, Takahashi, Figures 22-26, and corresponding portions of the specification, where the document press sheet 282a is a planar surface parallel to the document base 1 holding the book BO. In other words, the document press sheet 282a looks towards the document base 1 in the same direction, and thus is not *configured to oppositely face the scanning platform* as the claim recites. Furthermore, Takahashi does not *scan a front side of a document on a scanning platform* and *scan a reverse side of the document on the scanning platform* as the claim recites. See, Takahashi, Figures 22-26, and corresponding portions of the specification, where Takahashi's scan unit 200 reads two different pages of a book BO, which is distinctly different than scanning a front side and a reverse side of a document. Takahashi, therefore, does not anticipate claim 8, or its corresponding dependent claims.

New Claims

Applicants add claims 13-20, support for which is provided in the application as originally filed. Claim 13 includes features generally similar to those the Examiner deemed allowable in claim 1, and at least for that reason, are allowable over the cited references.

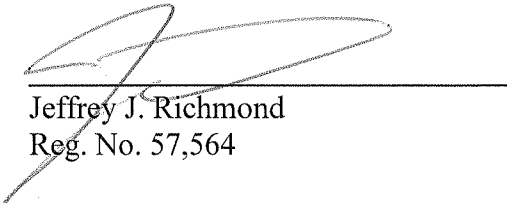
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of all claims of the application as amended is requested. The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 224-2170 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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